

Van Buren County Land Bank Authority

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Meeting Minutes February 10, 2020

1. Call to Order

a. The meeting was called to order a 2:05 pm by Chair Trisha Nesbitt. Present:
 Cynthia Compton, Paul DeYoung, Zachary Morris, and Trisha Nesbitt. Absent:
 Matthew Newton

2. Annual Report to the Board of Commissioners

a. It was noted that Chair Nesbitt provided the Land Bank's Annual Report to the Board of Commissioners on February 9, 2021.

3. Review of Contract from the Michigan State Land Bank Authority

- a. It was noted that the Finance Committee and Board of Commissioners unanimously supported the request for \$5,500.00 to establish the Land Bank Fund.
- b. Morris moved, DeYoung seconded, CARRIED, to authorize Nesbitt to sign the service agreement with the Michigan State Land Bank Authority pending final approval at the Board of Commissioners meeting on February 23, 2021. All were in favor.

4. Sherman Hills

a. Compton noted that Erik Peterson of Envirologic has laid out a proposed timeline for the project moving forward and the developer and team are continuing to work on plans.

5. Approval of the January 13, 20201 Meeting Minutes

a. Moved by Morris, seconded by Compton, CARRIED, to approve the January 13, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. All were in favor.

6. Van Buren ISD Tech – Construction Trades Partnership Opportunity

- a. It was noted that some local units of government partner with the Van Buren ISD Tech program to donate vacant land for the use of building new construction homes.
- b. Nesbitt noted that this may be something for the Land Bank to consider in the future.

7. Public Act 255 and 256 of 2020

a. Nesbitt noted the changes to the law add the County Land Bank to the list of authorities who can purchase tax foreclosed parcels on right of first refusal for the greater of minimum bid or fair market value.

8. Other Business

- a. Nesbitt reviewed the Everett Parkway plans in South Haven and noted the owner/developer may be interested in a partnership to allow for continued Brownfield plans and infrastructure build out.
- b. Compton provided background related to the Brownfield site development, prior foreclosure, and current development plans.
- c. Compton noted the developer may have plans ready to present at a future meeting.

9. Adjournment

a. Nesbitt moved, Compton seconded, CARRIED, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Nesbitt

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Chair, Van Buren County Land Bank